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SUBJECT: W/W TALLER, GLADYS

PASS GLADYS BUCHWARTER

60-19E 194TH STREET

FLUSHING, NEW YORK 11365

(212-454-7089)

1. EMBASSY DOCTOR SAW YOUR SISTER, GLADYS TALLER, IN BOTKIN HOSPITAL AFTERNOON OCTOBER 8. SHE HAS SERIOUS FRACTURE OF LEFT HIP WHICH WILL REQUIRE SURGERY IN U.S. SHE WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO U.S. ON STRETCHER.

2. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AEROFLOT AND PAN AM REGARDING RETURN FLIGHT. FIRST AVAILABLE AEROFLOT FLIGHT TO NEW YORK IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15. FARE FOR STRETCHER CASE QUOTED TO US AS 1,143. FIRST AVAILABLE PAN AM FLIGHT TO NEW YORK IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14. FARE FOR STRETCHER CASE QUOTED TO US AS FOUR TIMES INDIVIDUAL FIRST CLASS FARE OF 680 ROUBLES. THIS COMES TO APPROXIMATELY 3,600 DOLLARS.

3. WE BELIEVE MRS. TALLER WILL HAVE MORE COMFORTABLE FLIGHT AND GET BETTER CARE ON PAN AM, WHICH ALSO HAS ADVANTAGE OF LEAVING ONE DAY EARLIER. BELIEVE LOWER FARE QUOTATION FOR AEROFLOT MAY BE IN ERROR, THOUGH YOU MAY WISH CHECK THAT WITH LOCAL AEROFLOT REP. WE RECOMMEND YOU PURCHASE PREPAID TICKET ABOARD PAN AM 45 DEPARTING MOSCOW 1330, OCTOBER 14. ARRIVING IN NEW YORK 1800 HOURS SAME DAY, OCTOBER 14. WHEN YOU PURCHASE TICKETS, MAKE SURE PAN AM NOTIFIES ITS MOSCOW OFFICE THAT PREPAID RESERVATION

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HAS BEEN MADE FOR STRETCHER CASE. WE HAVE INFORMED THEM OF CASE

AND THEY WILL BE LOOKING FOR THIS INFORMATION.

4. WE WILL ARRANGE FOR HER TO BE TAKEN TO AIRPORT BY AMBULANCE.
YOU SHOULD MAKE HOSPITAL AND AMBULANCE ARRANGEMENTS IN NEW YORK.
EMBASSY DOCTOR SPOKE BY TELEPHONE MORNING OCTOBER 9 WITH MRS.
TALLER'S SON, WHO IS AWARE OF NATURE OF INJURY. PLEASE INFORM
HIM ALSO OF ABOVE INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATION.

5. CONSULAR OFFICER AND WIVES OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS VISITED MRS.
TALLER TWICE OCTOBER 9 AND ARE ENSURING THAT HER PERSONAL NEEDS
ARE TAKEN CARE OF. SHE HAS A LOT OF GRIT AND REMAINS IN GOOD
SPIRITS.
MATLOCK

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